[For the Echo. CHIDING.

BY J. H. J.

Cease, my dear, that evil chidling, If thou wouldst thy child reclaim; Speak in love and more confiding. Not so harshly call its name : Children's hearts will always move, When they hear the words of love.

Wouldst thou win thy child from error, Save the darling's heart from pain? Cease to speak in wrath, for terror Never will its ways restrain: To restore an erring child, Let your speech be firm and mild.

Angry looks will make it fearful, While its heart with grief will burst; Then with love approach it cheerful, Learn it in your smiles to trust : Then its fears will pass away, While it loves the words you say.

Oft it may with grief be bearing, Painful errors not its own, Bitter words and frowns, beware then, Lest it turn to weep alone: Never chide a fretful child, Loving words will make it mild. Wood River Centre, June 7, 1860.

The following directions to sportsmen on the management of fire arms are pointed, and to the purpose :

1. In carrying a gun over the shoulder on full cock, be sure to point the muzzle at your friend's toes, for fear of blowing his brains out. 2. Guupowder should be carried in

a flask, or if loose in the pocket, should be mixed with matches. As a rule, no sportsman should smoke. 3. Before blowing down one barrel

of a gun, see that the other is not loaded. To ascertain this, look inside, and let off a cap with your toe. 4. The practice of drying powder

over a fire in a frying pan, should be discouraged, as a great many accidents have happened from it. 5. Always shut your eyes before

you fire. 6. Never carry a loaded gun at full cock horizontally, when a friend is walking before you, unless you are sure of his corduroys.

7. If a bird rises between two sportsmen, in a direct line, both should not fire at once.

8. If a crack should be observed in your barrel, tie it firmly around with a peice of string, which will prevent accidents .- Echo adds :

9. Should it become necessary to draw a load from the barrel of your gun, put the brich into the fire, and hold the barrel by the muzzle, it will go out itself.

10. It is a good idea to let a barrel get rusty, inside, sometimes : for then when you shoot it off, it will be likely to kill at both ends.

11. The best way to try the qualita of powder, is to lay half a pound upon a smooth surface, and then take a coal of fire, and blow it with your mouth till it goes off ; then you will be satisfied.

12. When you go out hunting with a friend, be sure to wear buffalo overcoats, and wolf-skin caps, then shoot evry-thing you see, that looks hairy.

12. When you handle a gun, al ways take it by the muzzle, and pull towards you, especially if it is loaded and a cap on. The latter should be the case, always, when a gun is laid

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